

## Attachment 1

*The Wyoming Department of Health and the Wyoming State Veterinary Lab are continuing to monitor birds that have succumbed to WNV in Wyoming. The Department of Health and Vet Lab do not want all species of birds. Do not send English sparrows, pigeons, and starlings. They are particularly interested in crows, ravens, jays, raptors, sage-grouse, and other neotropical migrants. The testing of birds in the western portion of the state is of up most importance during the summer of 2004 to monitor the viruses' progress across the state. Persons submitting birds for testing will be notified only if the bird(s) is positive.*

### **Instructions for Wyoming BLM Employees When Handling Dead Birds That May Have Been Infected With West Nile Virus**

- 1) Wear rubber gloves when handling sick or dead birds. If you have no gloves, insert your hand into a clean plastic bag, pick up the dead bird with the bagged hand, invert the bag over the bird and seal the bag. Double bag all birds.
- 2) Prior to shipping any dead bird to the Wyoming State Veterinary Lab, the lab should be contacted for specific instructions. Primary contacts for WNV at the lab are Todd Cornish (307) 742-6681, ext. 191 or Terry Creekmore at 742-6681, ext. 105. The address for the lab is: Wyoming State Veterinary Lab, 1174 Snowy Range Road, Laramie, WY 82070. The lab can also be accessed by its toll free number: 1-800-442-8331.
- 3) All bird species that are freshly dead, non-scavenged should be submitted.
- 4) Do not send carcasses that are maggot infested or have a strong odor. Carcass should have intact eyes and no openings into the body cavity.
- 4) If a refrigerated carcass cannot reach the lab within 48 hours, freeze the carcass as soon as possible after collection.
- 5) Place each bird in an individual plastic bag and seal. If more than one bag is shipped, each bag must be identified. Double bag the individual carcasses as a group. Each bag containing an individual bird should have the following information included: a) species, b) date collected, c) location, d) found dead or euthanized, and additional history as requested by the lab.
- 6) Birds should be shipped in a sealed plastic cooler to the lab and packed with blue ice and newspaper. The cooler will be returned to the sending office upon receipt at the lab.